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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT : GARRISON and the Kennedy Assassination:
Bernard FENSTERWALD et al

1. A Washington UPI dispatch of 3 January 1969 reads as follows:

Washington -- New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is one of seven board members of a new national committee to investigate assassinations which is being formed here.

Bernard Fensterwald, 47, of Arlington, Va., another board member, said the committee's purpose is "To embarrass or force the government to make investigations they have been putting off since Nov. 22, 1963."

That was the date of President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

Fensterwald, who said he was setting up an office which would open in a week, left the senate earlier this week after 12 years as counsel for several committees.

"The committee will concentrate on the three best known assassinations -- President Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King -- but will leave its options open on some other rather mysterious deaths," he said.

"Our position is there was a conspiracy in Dallas, there were strong footprints of a conspiracy in Memphis where Dr. King was shot and nobody really knows much about what went on in Los Angeles (where Senator Kennedy was slain) but we intend to look."

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He said the committee hoped to find private financial support to hire a professional staff for its investigations.

Other board members, said Fensterwald, include Bill Turner of San Francisco, a former FBI agent; Richard Sprague of Hartsdale, N. Y., a computer expert; Fred J. Cook, Englewood, N.J., author; Lloyd Tupling, associated with the Sierra Club here, and Paris Flammonde, a New York writer who will have a book out next week on assassinations.

Eight more board members will be named later, Fensterwald said.

2. William Turner and Fred J. Cook are well known to you. Paris Flammonde appears in the January 1969 issue of Evergreen as the author of an article entitled "Why President Kennedy Was Killed". His book The Kennedy Conspiracy has been published by Meredith Press, New York. The dust cover of the book states that Flammonde was for many years the producer of the Long John Nebel radio show. We have no record of him.

3. Reference is made to your memorandum, New York office, 24 August 1956, subject: Blanche Fensterwald, also known as: Mrs. Bernard Fensterwald. We should be grateful if you can determine whether the Bernard Fensterwald who appears in this report is identical with the 47 year old Bernard Fensterwald cited in the UPI dispatch. If so, any additional information is also requested.

4. Our records show that Richard Sprague, a management consultant and photographic researcher, appeared in a New York Times article of 24 May 1963 in which he claimed that within an hour of the assassination of President Kennedy three men may have been pulled off freight cars in a railroad yard near Dealy Plaza. We have no further identifiable record of him. We also have no record of Lloyd Tupling. We should be grateful for any further information about Sprague, Tupling, or Flammonde.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

Signed Harry R. Ford

JAMES ANGLETON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Domestic Contact Service

SUBJECT : Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination
William Clarens WOOD Jr., alias William BOXLEY, 201-83427

REFERENCE : CI/R&A Memorandum, subject as above, 3 January 1969

1. It is requested that the Domestic Contact Service office at Subject's present location tell him the following:

"We have been informed of the telephone calls that you made on 27 and 28 December 1968. In these calls you stated that you had information which you wish to communicate. If this is still the case, we are prepared to listen. Or if you prefer, you may of course go to the FBI."

2. If Subject then appears at the DCS office, whatever he has to say should be noted without comment, and reported. Representatives of the DCS office should take no initiative beyond stating that WOOD's information will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

3. We do not know WOOD's present location. During the 27 December call (para. 13a of reference) he said that he was in Dallas. A New Orleans Times-Picayune article of 12 December 1968 said that "BOXLEY" was contacted by that newspaper in Austin, Texas. A DCS report of 26 April 1968 (HOU-30-68), subject: "Bill Wood, Agent for

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Jim Garrison, Making Inquiries in Dallas", noted that WOOD was in Dallas as of that time but had been in touch with the Houston office in early 1967. In 1967 Subject was executive vice president of the Houston Tribune Publishing Company. Subject's father, William Clarence WOOD Sr., is a banker in Lubbock, Texas (Lubbock National Bank). Subject's middle name has been reported as both Clarence and Clarens.

4. It is recognized that Subject's wish to establish contact with CIA may result from personal animosity toward the Agency (see paragraph 4 of reference), from attempted provocation by Garrison, or from both. It is considered, however, that as long as our role remains passive and non-committal, there is no major risk involved in determining whether he has significant security information to communicate.

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